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Public Health Department,
1, The Tything,
Worcester.

August, 1965.

To the Chairman and Members of the Martley Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my tenth Annual Report on the health of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1964.

Apart from the continued presence of Measles, mainly in school children, there are very few infectious diseases being notified and the health of the population is good, many people living to a ripe old age. With this increased expectation of life many aged persons living on their own are becoming a problem, particularly in the winter. The County Council have recently appointed a Geriatric Health Visitor to act as a liaison officer between the Welfare Department, Hospital, General Practitioner, District Nurse etc. - an arrangement which appears to be working very well. The W.V.S. have also started a Meals on Wheels scheme for the villages of Broadheath and Hallow and it is hoped that it will be possible to extend this work in the future. Their continued efforts are however dependent upon volunteers whose assistance will always be appreciated. The Home Help Service also requires more workers who would be appointed on an official basis.

Medico-social problems are also on the increase, a frequent request being for urgent re-housing and I am most grateful to the Housing Committee for giving these cases such sympathetic consideration.

With the introduction of a comprehensive water supply scheme throughout the District, drainage problems have increased, resulting in an urgent demand to press on with many quite major sewage schemes (see Section C). I feel that many of the less densely populated areas could be catered for by means of prefabricated treatment plants and I am pleased to see that the Surveyor is giving consideration to different sewage systems acting on the contact stabilization principle in order to discover which is the most efficient. It is hoped that three or four of these small schemes will be carried out at the same time.

I am most grateful to Mr. Pratt and his Staff for their assistance during the year and to you, Mr. Chairman, for your kind consideration in dealing with all difficult problems.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

L. Spencer Stephens.
Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Rural District of Martley, comprising 52,823 acres is predominantly agricultural in character and lies to the West of the City of Worcester. The River Teme runs through the District dividing it into two parts. The chief industry is agriculture and the District is one of the most important fruit and hop growing areas in the country.

VITAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	52,823
Number of dwellinghouses (31st March 1965) according to Rate Books	4,211
Rateable Value (31st March 1965)... ..	289,891
Sum represented by one penny rate..	£1,145. 8. 9.
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1964)	12,470.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Live Births</u>			
Legitimate	114	101	215
Illegitimate..	8	6	14
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			6.1
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population			18.7
Birth Rate for England and Wales for the same period			18.4

<u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate..	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.. ...			13.0
Rate per 1,000 England and Wales total live and still births			16.3

<u>Deaths</u>			
From all causes	69	65	134
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			10.8
Rate for England and Wales			11.3

<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</u>			
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births (total)			26.2
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births (legitimate)			27.1
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births (illegitimate)			Nil
Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales			20.0

<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age</u>			
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate..	-	-	-
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...			21.8
Neonatal Mortality Rate for England and Wales ...			14.0
Maternal deaths (including abortion)..			Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births			Nil

Analysis of Infant Deaths and Still Births over the last 11 years

Table I - Infant Mortality Rate - per 1,000 related live births

Year	No. of Deaths	Rate for	
		Martley R.D.	England & Wales
1954	8	45.7	25.4
1955	4	23.8	24.9
1956	9	53.2	23.8
1957	6	29.0	23.1
1958	6	36.1	22.5
1959	5	24.4	22.0
1960	2	11.3	21.7
1961	6	31.1	21.4
1962	3	16.2	21.4
1963	3	12.9	21.1
1964	6	26.2	20.0

Table II - Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births

Year	No. of Deaths	Rate for	
		Martley R.D.	England & Wales
1954	4	22.4	23.5
1955	3	17.8	23.1
1956	4	23.1	23.0
1957	6	28.1	22.5
1958	4	23.5	21.6
1959	9	42.0	20.7
1960	2	11.2	19.7
1961	6	35.0	18.7
1962	3	16.0	18.1
1963	3	12.7	17.2
1964	3	13.0	16.3

The Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and first week deaths) is 34.5 compared with 28.2 for England and Wales.

Causes of Death as Classified by the Registrar General

								<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	...				-	-
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...			-	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease..	...	...	...	...	...		-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections..	...	...	...	...	...		-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis.	...	...	...	...	...		-	-
8.	Measles.	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...					-	1
10.	Cancer of Stomach...	...	...	...	...	...		-	2
11.	Cancer of Lung	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3
12.	Cancer of Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	4
13.	Cancer of Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1
14.	Cancer of all other sites.	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	5
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...				6	15
18.	Coronary disease, angina..	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	5
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	...	...	...				1	3
20.	Other heart disease.	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8
21.	Other circulatory disease.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
25.	Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	-
26.	Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...				-	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	...	...	...				-	-
31.	Congenital malformations..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...					6	4
33.	Motor vehicle accidents...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	-
34.	All other accidents.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
35.	Suicide.	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war..	...	...	...				-	-
								<u>69</u>	<u>65</u>

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. County Health Services

The following services are provided by the County Council in accordance with Part III of the National Health Service Act 1946.

Care of Mothers and Young Children (Section 22)

The District is served by the following clinics:-

Ante-Natal Clinics

Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport.

Open every Tuesday in the month at 1.30 p.m.

Coventry Street, Kidderminster.

Open every Monday in the month at 2 p.m.

Cases in the Worcester area are referred to Hospital by their own doctor if necessary.

Infant Welfare Clinics

Parish Hall, Hallow.

Open on the second and fourth Thursday in the month at 2 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Broadheath.

Open on the first and third Thursday in the month at 2 p.m.

Village Hall, Knightwick Road, Martley.

Open on second Wednesday in the month at 2 p.m.

Village Hall, Alfrick.

Open on the third Friday in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Parish Hall, Clifton-on-Teme.

Open on the third Tuesday in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Leigh.

Open on the second Thursday in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Village Hall, Great Witley.

Open on the fourth Tuesday every other month at 2 p.m.

Village Hall, Shrawley.

Open on the first Tuesday every other month at 2.15 p.m.

Parish Room, Holt.

Open on the first Tuesday every other month at 3.30 p.m.

Village Hall, Rushwick.

Open on the first Thursday of every month at 2 p.m.

Club Room, Suckley.

Open on the second Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m.

Midwifery (Section 23)

The services of a County Midwife are available without charge to care for mothers during pregnancy, confinement and for a period of ten days afterwards. She should be booked as early as possible in order to receive adequate instruction for the confinement. Visits are paid to the home and examinations carried out monthly in co-operation with the doctor, who will arrange hospital consultations if necessary. Free dental treatment is available during this period and may be arranged through the County Dental Officer.

Health Visiting and Home Nursing (Sections 24 & 25)

After the first ten days the Health Visitor normally takes over the responsibility for the care of the baby from the Midwife. She is a trained nurse who has received additional instruction in child care, maintenance of health and the prevention of disease, and is able to offer guidance to the mother until the child goes to school. The Health Visitor also acts as school nurse and being an experienced medico-social worker is able to give advice to the adult members of the family on any personal problems related to physical or mental ill health.

The District Nurse is available to act on the instructions of the General Practitioner or Hospital when persons are discharged from hospital. She carries out injection procedures and the general nursing of the sick or elderly at home. In most rural districts the duties of District Nurse, Midwife or Health Visitor are combined. This is so in the Martley Rural District where there are six full time and one part time worker as follows:-

<u>Nurses</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>	<u>Area</u>
Miss Parsons, Nurses Cottage, Red House, Martley.	Wichenford 372	Martley, Clifton-on-Teme, Shelsleys, part Lower Sapey, Brickyard Cottages, Wichenford
Miss J. Curnow, 1, Ednoll Cottages, Leigh.	Leigh Sinton 320	Leigh, Bransford, Alfrick, Leigh Sinton, Rushwick.
Miss H. Chambers, 1, Ednoll Cottages, Leigh.	Leigh Sinton 320	Knightwick, Broadwas, Doddenham, Lulsley, Suckley.
Miss Wootton, Lea House, Hallow.	Hallow 235	Hallow, Broadheath, Cothoridge, Crown East, Wichenford, Sinton Green, Grimley Village.
Miss B.M. Jones, Nurses House, Hillhampton.	Great Witley 386	Holt, Hillhampton, Shrawley, Great Witley, Little Witley, Abberley.
Area Relief Nurse -		
Miss J.M. Whitehead Nurses House, Hillhampton.	Great Witley 386	
Mrs. Parkes, Mitton Street Clinic, Stourport-on-Severn.	Stourport 2149	Astley

Vaccination and Immunisation (Section 26)

Vaccination and Immunisation procedures are carried out, free of charge, by the patient's own doctor or at the County Council clinics. It is now standard practice to offer triple immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus at 3 months old and booster doses at 5 and 8 years.

The following inoculations were done during the year:-

(Figures in brackets show the numbers for the previous year)

(i) Diphtheria Immunisation (including Tetanus)

Number of children who completed a primary course of immunisation during the year - 186 (205)

Number of children who received a first reinforcing dose during the year - 89 (155)

Number of children who received a second reinforcing dose - 22 (50)

(ii) Whooping Cough Immunisation

Number of children who completed a primary course of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) during the year - 178 (200)

(iii) Vaccination against Smallpox

Number of persons who received a primary vaccination during the year - 95 (47)

Number of persons who were re-vaccinated during the year - 27 (18)

(iv) Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Details of the number of persons vaccinated are contained in the County Medical Officer's Report. The new Sabin Vaccine is now used, three doses being administered monthly on a lump of sugar to babies over six months old and a reinforcing dose given on school entry. Adults should also receive protection if they have not already done so.

(v) B.C.G. Vaccination

Worcestershire County Council operate a scheme for the preventive inoculation of all children leaving school. The majority of parents agree to have their children done and it may be said that the scheme has met with considerable success. This is a valuable protective measure against tuberculosis.

Ambulance Service (Section 27)

Cases of accident or sudden illness are responded to irrespective of the source of call. All that is necessary is to dial 999 and ask the telephone operator for Ambulance. The service is under radio-control from Worcester and ambulance stations are strategically situated throughout the county. In rough country an ambulance with a four-wheel drive will be used if requested.

Patients suffering from infectious disease are conveyed to hospital in special ambulances stationed at the Isolation Hospital.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care (Section 28)

Convalescent care is provided for children and adults not requiring treatment. This type of recuperative holiday is frequently recommended and persons are required to contribute according to their means.

Medical comforts depots are maintained in various parts of the county by the British Red Cross or St. John's Ambulance Society. Requests for nursing equipment should be made to the District Nurse.

Persons suffering from tuberculosis may be assisted in many ways. Specialist Health Visitors work from the Chest Clinic and will assist patients to make the best use of the services available. The scope of the After-care Committee for South Worcestershire has recently been extended to cover all chest complaints and assists persons with difficulties which are outside the duties of statutory bodies.

Occupational therapy is available for patients suffering from lengthy illnesses or who are undergoing prolonged convalescence.

A chiropody scheme is now in operation for aged and handicapped persons and is being extended.

Domestic Help (Section 29)

The Home Help Service is administered by the Women's Voluntary Service on behalf of the County Council. Enquiries should be made at their headquarters at 91, Lowesmoor, Worcester. The service provides domestic help for the aged, in sickness, and for maternity cases.

Mental Health (Section 51)

The Mental Health Service has been expanded to deal with the provisions of the Mental Health Act 1959. This Act abolished the term mental deficiency and introduced the term mental disorder, which includes subnormality, severe subnormality, mental illness and psychopathic disorder. Mental Welfare Officers have been appointed who act in conjunction with approved Medical Officers and the hospital services.

Statutory duties of the County Council include:-

- (a) The provision of residential accommodation.
- (b) The provision of training or occupation centres (available at Stourport and Lower Wick, Worcester).
- (c) The exercise of functions relating to persons placed under guardianship.
- (d) The provision of ancillary services for persons suffering from mental disorder.

Welfare Services (National Assistance Act 1948)

The Welfare Services are administered by the County Welfare Officer from 25, The Tything, Worcester.

The following facilities are available:-

- (a) Residential accommodation for the elderly who are unable to look after themselves in their own homes (and have no relatives to care for them).
- (b) Temporary accommodation for persons in urgent need.
- (c) Special services for blind persons.
- (d) Special services for deaf and dumb persons.
- (e) Special assistance for other handicapped persons.

School Health Service (Education Act 1944)

The County Medical Officer is also Principal School Medical Officer. School Medical Officers visit all primary and secondary schools in the District at regular intervals. Every school child receives three medical examinations during his or her school life, but children in whom abnormalities are detected are seen more frequently. Special visual acuity and colour tests are given at 7 - 8 years old, children in need of attention being referred to the School Oculist. Routine tests of hearing are now carried out at 5 years old using a pure-tone audiometer. Children with defective hearing are referred to special clinics for further investigation. The services of a speech therapist are available for children with particular difficulties. Orthopaedic defects are kept under the supervision of the Orthopaedic Sister. Children with behaviour disorders or psychiatric problems are seen at the Child Guidance Clinic, Love's Grove, Worcester.

School Dental Service

The dental health of all children in maintained schools is supervised at regular intervals, inspections being carried out on the premises. Subsequently treatment is carried out at the nearest fixed clinic or in one of the mobile dental clinics now available.

County Analyst

The County Analyst is available to examine samples of food, drugs, milk, water and sewage. Samples are either submitted by the local sanitary authority, the County Public Health Inspector, or the Foods and Drugs Officer. (See page 15)

2. Hospital Services

These services are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board (Mid or South Worcestershire Hospital Management Committees).

- (a) General Hospitals with casualty departments are situated at Worcester, Kidderminster and Tenbury.
- (b) Maternity beds are available at Worcester and Stourport.
- (c) Infectious diseases are usually admitted to Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester. Since the closure of Knightwick Sanatorium cases of pulmonary tuberculosis have also been admitted there.
- (d) The elderly and chronic sick are accommodated at Shrub Hill, Worcester, Avonside, Evesham, or Blakebrook, Kidderminster.
- (e) Psychiatric hospitals for mental disorders are available at Powick, Worcester or Barnsley Hall, Bromsgrove.
- (f) Laboratories are available at all General Hospitals, but at Worcester Royal Infirmary a branch of the Public Health Laboratory Service has been established. This organisation, with reference laboratories in London and elsewhere, is designed to assist local authorities in their investigation of outbreaks of communicable disease.
- (g) Venereal diseases are diagnosed and treated at a special out-patient department of Worcester Royal Infirmary adjacent to the Chest Clinic. Sessions are held from 5 - 7 p.m. on Mondays for women, and 5 - 7 p.m. on Tuesdays for men. No appointment is necessary and treatment is strictly confidential.

3. General Medical Services

There are three General Practitioners resident in the District. Many others visit their patients from Worcester, Stourport and Malvern. It is impossible to compile a suitable list therefore, but the Worcestershire Executive Council (County) do publish one and this is normally available at any General Post Office. The services of dentists, opticians and pharmacists also come under the control of the Executive Council to whom enquiries should be made.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply

The Council's water undertaking was transferred to the North-West Worcestershire Water Board in 1962. This Authority has assumed full control of the water supply to the Rural District. During the following two years steady progress was made with mains connections so that by 31st December, 1964, some 3,033 domestic properties were receiving a supply, representing 72% of all dwellings in the District. It is estimated that some 89% of properties are adjacent to the mains (see Chief Public Health Inspector's report) so that there is still room for improvement, but this must be considered as quite a satisfactory position for a district which is entirely rural in character.

The Astley borehole provides water which is satisfactory both in quality and quantity. Chemical samples indicate that the water is hard (total hardness - 250 p.p.m.) but pure, and bacteriological results are always satisfactory (see below).

Bacteriological Examination - Astley Pumping Station - 30.9.64.

Probable number of Coliform bacilli (MacConkey 2 days at 37°C) - 0 per 100 ml.
Probable number of Bact. Coli. (Type 1) - 0 per 100 ml.

The water has no plumbo-solvent action and the fluorine content is low (0.12 p.p.m.)

2. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Sinton Green and Hallow

After many delays a start was made on this important scheme in August 1964 and quite good progress had been made by the end of the year. Some 50 yards of 12" trunk sewer was relaid in Hallow and excavations begun for the filter beds, humus tank and sludge pumping station at the Works. Fairly extensive main laying was carried out in the Sinton Green area together with the construction of Pumping Station No. 1.

Shelsley Beauchamp

Work commenced on this small scheme in May 1964 and was fairly rapidly completed. This provided for the drainage of some 30 - 35 dwellings in the village area (with provision for future development) to an Oxigest activated sludge treatment plant situated to the west of the Church close to the River Teme. A site was chosen which could be screened from the road and provision has been made for a small area of land upon which to polish the effluent if necessary. To date the plant is working very satisfactorily.

Bransford and Leigh Sinton.

A private Ministerial Inquiry was held into this Scheme in February 1964 as a result of which the suggestion was made that these two villages could be dealt with in conjunction with neighbouring parishes in the Upton-upon-Severn Rural District. The Consulting Engineer has now produced a scheme which shows that this can be done without extra cost, enlargement being carried out to the sewage works at Powick. It seems likely that agreement will be reached between the local authorities to carry out a joint scheme at an early date.

Broadheath

Little progress has been made on extensions in this parish which are necessary to cater for new housing development. It has been agreed that an extension to the sewage works will have to be carried out and the Severn River Board require quit a high standard of effluent due to limited dilution in the brook. Negotiations are at present taking place for the purchase of extra land adjacent to the sewage disposal works.

Other Schemes

A small scheme has been approved in association with a private developer at Clay Green, Alfrick, which should enable extra Council houses to be built in this village when required.

A scheme has been approved for Shrawley village with provision for an aerobic digestion plant to be situated at Glazenbridge to the north. The area is divided into three by the lie of the land which is quite hilly. Areas A and B, around the New Inn and the Rose and Crown, are to be carried out, but Area C, near the School, is to be deferred for the time being. The Astley Burf area is being considered by the Consulting Engineer for drainage to the existing works at Astley.

The table on page 12 gives details of the number of houses supplied by mains water and connected to the sewer, from which it is evident that many more sewerage and sewage disposal schemes will have to be carried out to take the water away. Consideration has recently been given to the priority which each parish should receive in dealing with the problem in the future.

3. Refuse Collection and Disposal

The refuse collection service continues to operate on a fortnightly basis to all premises reasonably accessible and all household refuse is now collected, which constitutes a general overall improvement.

Four tips are now in use, the one at Martley having been worked out, but negotiations are proceeding for a new site in that area. The sites at Clifton-on-Teme, Hillhampton and Yarhampton continue to be used, together with the Gravel Pit site at Grimley, which is the main area for tipping. Various problems have existed during the year at this site due to difficulties in obtaining sufficient cover material and the fact that an area of the tip has been on fire. The deposition of cesspool emptier contents there has not helped matters either and arrangements have now been made to dispose of this material on a more suitable site.

There is a considerable improvement in the general condition of the tip now, but unfortunately it is too near a main road and impossible to fence off. It would be far better to abandon this area in favour of a site in the south of the District if this could be found.

PARISH	From Public Mains				From Private Supplies, e.g. wells, springs		Sewerage and Sewage Disposal				
	Direct to Houses		By means of a stand-pipe		No. of Dwelling houses	Population supplied	No. of Dwellings connected to public sewer	Population served	No. of Houses with		
	No. of Dwelling houses	Population supplied	Pails	Septic tanks etc. Private installations							
Abberley	122	366	-	-	62	173	33	104	55	85	11
Alfrick	76	228	16	5	68	190	23	72	61	59	6
Astley	215	645	-	-	145	406	70	225	179	99	12
Bransford	70	210	18	6	21	58	11	25	38	48	-
Broadheath	287	881	28	9	59	165	148	458	88	106	13
Broadwas	70	210	24	8	20	41	-	-	38	53	7
Clifton-on-Teme	101	303	21	7	25	70	80	256	38	14	1
Cotheridge	63	189	3	1	14	39	16	50	20	29	13
Doddenham	32	96	18	6	34	95	-	-	38	32	2
Grimley	108	324	40	13	69	193	-	-	91	97	2
Hallow	346	1048	18	6	48	134	305	945	54	32	9
Hillhampton	24	72	-	-	11	30	-	-	14	14	7
Holt	92	296	3	1	57	159	20	70	60	47	23
Kenswick	10	30	-	-	2	6	-	-	1	11	-
Knightwick	20	65	-	-	20	52	-	-	24	16	-
Leigh	167	516	65	21	139	390	30	93	174	97	26
Lulsley	32	96	12	4	4	11	-	-	19	21	-
Martley	229	697	19	6	81	226	70	218	139	95	12
Rushwick	294	882	12	4	28	78	281	900	15	28	2
Lower Sapey	21	63	-	-	30	84	8	26	26	17	1
Shelsley Beauchamp	30	90	24	8	22	61	5	16	34	20	1
Shelsley Kings	37	111	43	14	15	42	-	-	50	15	1
Shelsley Walsh	2	6	-	-	11	30	-	-	10	3	-
Shrawley	83	253	48	16	50	140	-	-	102	46	1
Suckley	98	294	25	8	67	187	21	68	92	55	5
Wichenford	115	355	6	2	16	44	37	118	46	50	-
Witley, Great	94	282	-	-	48	134	54	158	38	46	4
Witley, Little	48	144	6	2	12	31	16	51	15	31	-
Total	2886	8752	449	147	1178	3269	1227	3853	1559	1266	159

SECTION D

HOUSING

The following table shows the housing work carried out in the District during the year:-

Number of new houses erected during the year

(1)	by the Local Authority	12
(2)	by other bodies or persons	140

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses

(1)(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Act or Housing Acts). ...	52
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.. ...	80
(2)(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under One above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	Nil
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.. ...	Nil
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	22
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	8

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	12
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3. Action under Statutory Powers

A Proceedings under Sections 9 & 10 of the Housing Act 1957

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.. ...	2
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
	by owners	2
	by local authority in default of owners	Nil

B Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	12
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
	by owners	10
	by local authority in default of owners	Nil

C	<u>Proceedings under Sections 16, 17 & 23 of the Housing Act 1957</u>							
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made							5
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders... ..							7
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders under Section 17(1) or (3) were made.. ...							2
(4)	Number of houses closed... ..							2
(5)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which undertakings were accepted.							4

D	<u>Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957</u>							
(1)	Number of separate dwellings, parts of a dwelling or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made							Nil
(2)	Number of separate dwellings, parts of a dwelling or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling or room having been rendered fit							Nil

4. Housing Act, 1957 (Part IV) - Overcrowding

(a)(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	} Not Known
(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein... ..	
(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
(c)(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	3
(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases... ..	14
(iii)	Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved	Nil

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

(As shown in Appendix to Ministry of Housing and Local Government Returns)

1/1/55 - 31/12/64

<u>Year</u>	<u>Demolished</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Total</u>
1955	4	4	8
1956	8	3	11
1957	6	7	13
1958	2	6	8
1959	1	3	4
1960	2	-	2
1961	11	2	13
1962	3	-	3
1963	4	5	9
1964	7	6	13
	<u>48</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>84</u>

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Routine inspection of all Food Premises is carried out and details are shown on page 32 of the Chief Public Health Inspector's Report. There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the District now, so no meat inspection has to be carried out.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations are now administered by the County Council. The County Public Health Inspector is responsible for the licensing of retailers and also arranges for bacteriological examination of samples. The following samples were taken in the District during 1964:-

Pasteurised Milk	-	45
Steralized Milk	-	4
Raw Tuberculin Tested Milk	-	41
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Total	-	90
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Three samples failed the Methylene Blue test, one in respect of pasteurised milk and two in respect of raw milk.

Worcestershire County Council are the Food and Drugs Authority and a variety of food samples are submitted to the County Analyst monthly by the Food and Drugs Inspectors. These include a considerable number of chemical samples on raw milk.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following table shows the incidence of notifiable disease which occurred in the District during the year:-

	Under 5	5 -	10 -	15 -	25 -	65 -	Age un- known	Total cases notified
1. Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Scarlet Fever	3	8	1	1	-	-	-	13
3. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Acute Primary Pneumonia	-	2	-	-	8	7	-	17
7. Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
8. Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Measles (ex. Rubella)	74	101	11	-	2	-	2	190
10. Whooping Cough	6	18	26	-	2	-	-	52
11. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12. Dysentery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
13. Food Poisoning	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
14. Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1964

Age Period	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Compiled from the Tuberculosis Register
and Local Registrar's Death Returns

Number of Cases of Tuberculosis on Register at the end of the year

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Annual Totals
	M	F	M	F	
1955	31	42	9	11	93
1956	36	41	9	13	99
1957	32	33	4	7	76
1958	26	31	4	5	66
1959	32	31	4	5	72
1960	31	29	2	4	66
1961	30	30	2	4	66
1962	26	32	2	5	65
1963	17	22	2	5	46
1964	14	21	1	1	37

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect- ions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	4	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	48	39	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).....	-	-	-	-
Total	52	15	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	3	3	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	5	-	1	-

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork - Nil Return

MARTLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENGINEER, SURVEYOR & CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1, The Tything,
Worcester.

July, 1965.

To the Rural District Council of Martley

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the eighteenth Annual Report on the work of my Department as related to the administration of the Rural District for the year ended 31st December, 1964.

The major policy decision during the year related to the review of County Districts by the County Council who recommended to the central government that no change should be made to the boundaries or status of this Rural District. The uncertainty as to the future of the District Council had hampered major policy making for some time but decisions have now been taken and it is hoped that these will not be upset when the result of the deliberations by the central government on this recommendation are known.

Sewerage and sewage disposal is still the main concern of the Public Health Committee who are anxious to proceed with several schemes. Progress, however, remains slow due to the number of consultations which have to be made with other authorities and with the owners of land required to be purchased. One major scheme was started during the year, that for Hallow and Sinton Green, and, under the circumstances, this must be considered somewhat of an achievement.

Little progress has been made in planning the future development of the district by the County Planning Department, no overall scheme having been agreed as yet. Whilst realising that any plan for a rural district must conform to the overall county pattern, it is felt that some definite proposals must be produced in the immediate future to assist in controlling the heavy pressure for housing sites which is now being experienced. Despite the lack of an overall plan, development in the district continues to increase annually, as is shown by the number of planning applications approved and houses completed during the current year.

Looking back over the year, the general impression is one of great activity in the office which has not yet been translated to results in the field; progress on small sewerage schemes, provision of new houses and modernisation of existing houses has been steady but too slow, and this is due to the number of staff available to design and supervise this type of work. Two good officers, whose training with this Council enabled them to take better posts, have resigned during the year and, owing to difficulty in finding suitable replacements, the staff has been under-strength for at least three months of the year. As is usual, however, the staff remaining made every effort to keep the wheels turning and with their normal, but none the less appreciated, cheerful willingness to carry out any job required, overcame most of the difficulties.

I wish to express my appreciation of the patient consideration afforded to me by the Chairman of the Council and the Chairmen and members of the Committees which I attend.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. L. PRATT

Engineer, Surveyor and Chief Public Health
Inspector.

1. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING AND BUILDING BYELAWS

The Council continued to carry out the duties delegated to them under the Town and Country Planning Acts by the County Council. The number of cases of "difference of opinion" between the Council and the County Planning Officer was the same as in the previous year and, of the four cases referred to the County Planning Committee, two were decided in favour of the County Planning Officer and two were withdrawn by the County Planning Officer and subsequently approved.

The following decisions were made by the Minister on appeals against the decisions of the Planning Authority:-

(a) Siting of caravan, Moseley Road, Grimley	-	Appeal dismissed
(b) Siting of dwelling, North Lodge, Abberley	"	"
(c) Siting of dwelling, Freemantle Farm, Abberley	"	"
(d) Residential development, Suffolk Lane, Abberley	"	"
(e) Siting of bungalow, Sailors Bank, Broadheath	"	"
(f) Siting of bungalow, Frenchlands Lane, Broadheath	"	"
(g) Siting of bungalow, Structons Heath, Hillhampton	"	"
(h) Tea-garden, Leigh Sinton	"	"
(i) Holiday Caravan site, The Burf, Astley	"	"
(j) Residential development, Riddleys Cross, Astley	"	"
(k) Siting of 2 dwellings, Hillcrest, Great Witley	"	"
(l) Siting of 4 bungalows, West View, Shrawley	"	"
(m) Residential development, Prickley Lane, Martley	"	"
(n) Site for bungalow, Chapel Lane, Bransford	"	"

During the year 4 appeals to the Minister were withdrawn by the appellants.

The question of policy for village development was discussed with the County Planning Committee as part of the review of the General Development Plan for the County. A statement was made by the Chairman of the County Planning Committee that the village of Martley was one of the Parishes in the County selected for detailed study to explore the possibility of substantial development. No details were received by the end of the year but it was understood that a survey of the Parish was being made.

The Planning Committee were concerned with the future of the Knightwick Sanatorium when this was closed and, towards the end of the year, approved outline proposals for this to be converted to the Sunningdale Holiday Estate.

In order to improve the appearance of private and Council housing estates, the provision of communal T.V. aeriels was suggested and this system was installed for one private and two Council estates during the year.

The disposal of old motor-car bodies also caused concern and the Council agreed to participate in a joint disposal scheme with the County Council if and when such a scheme could be formulated.

Details of applications to develop are given below:-

	Plans for new dwellings	Outline appli- cations (dwellings)	Sites for caravans	Misc. applications (agr. bldg M.E.B., altns accesses)	Total
Brought forward from 1963	4	17	-	10	31
Received during 1964	70	168	20	139	397
Total applications	74	185	20	149	428
Applications approved	67	70	9	138	284
Applications refused	3	101	10	6	120
Applications withdrawn	2	5	-	1	8
Applications outstanding	2	9	1	4	16
Total	74	185	20	149	428

The following are details of applications during the year relating to residential development:-

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Refused</u>
(1) <u>Residential Development</u>		
(a) No. of dwellings in outline applications	162	318 (together with 10 residential sites of unspeci- fied density)
(b) No. of dwellings in detailed applications	205	4
(2) <u>Caravan Sites</u>		
(a) No. of caravans on residential sites	9	7
(b) No. of caravans on holiday sites	-	1

Applications under Building Byelaws

Brought forward from 1963	- 9
Received during 1964	- 257
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Applications approved	- 264
Applications refused	- -
Applications withdrawn	- -
Applications outstanding	- 2
	<hr/> 266

In addition, 29 applications for renewals of temporary planning permissions relating mainly to structures of short-lived materials and temporary sites for caravans, and 8 renewals of outline planning permissions were issued during the year.

The number of applications received under the Planning Acts increases consistently year by year as the following table indicates; as can be seen during the last six years this number has increased by 225%. Under the Building Byelaws only, the figure remains fairly steady.

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Applications Received</u>	
	<u>Planning</u>	<u>Byelaws Only</u>
1959	176	90
1960	287	120
1961	310	123
1962	340	100
1963	372	116
1964	397	133

2. HOUSING

Provision of Housing Accommodation

	Council Houses	Private Houses		Total
		Subsidy	Others	
No. of houses under construction 1.1.64	6	4	113	123
No. of houses completed & occupied during 1964	12	8	132	152
No. of houses under construction 31.12.64	12	-	88	100

(a) By the Council

The erection of single bedroom bungalows continued and the following were completed and occupied during the year:-

Martley	- Jury Lane	- 4
Suckley	- New Road	- 2
Hallow	- Greenhill Lane	- 4
Total		10

In addition the following were under construction at the end of the year:-

One-bedroom bungalows	- Hallow - Ladygo	- 4
Two-bedroom bungalows	- Shelsley Beauchamp	- 4
Three-bedroom houses	- Martley - Jury Lane	- 6
		14

The Council approved as a future programme the preparation of schemes for 15 dwellings at Suckley and the development of 1.8 acres of land at Cotheridge. Owing to staff shortage and difficulty in obtaining materials, the use of industrialised building was being examined but some difficulty was expected owing to the relatively small number to be erected on each estate.

The Council owned some 634 houses at the end of the year, including 40 one-bedroom bungalows.

(b) By Private Enterprise

The number of private houses completed during the year showed a substantial increase and, for the first time, more than 100 were completed and occupied. This progress is likely to be maintained next year as more small private estates have been given planning approval.

The following table shows the units of accommodation provided during the past seventeen years:-

Year	Council Houses	Private Houses			Total
		Min. of Works Licence	Subsidy	Private Conversions	
1948	51	-	-	25	84
1949	21	-	-	11	32
1950	34	1	4	12	53
1951	35	2	3	3	47
1952	6	2	9	7	32
1953	36	4	2	21	63
1954	34	1	1	32	69
1955	36	39	1	6	85
1956	14	-	1	55	73
1957	-	-	-	57	60
1958	-	-	1	61	62
1959	2	-	-	32	37
1960	6	-	-	31	38
1961	8	-	7	32	49
1962	-	-	3	72	76
1963	20	-	1	67	89
1964	12	-	8	132	153
Total	315	49	41	656	1102

Rent Act, 1957

No application for certificates of disrepair were received during the year and little use is made of this Act either by landlords or tenants.

Improvement and Conversion Grants

The number of applications approved was similar to the previous year but still fell below the average for the last four years despite publicity and individual approaches to landlords. However it is gratifying to note that 345 houses have been improved since the Act came into force.

The following table gives the numbers of individual dwellings forming the subject of formal applications since 1950, together with the number completed:-

Discretionary Grants

Year	Rec'd	With-drawn	Refused	Approved	Out-standing	Completed	Amount of Grant £
1950	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
1951	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
1952	1	-	1	-	-	1	299
1953	10	4	1	5	-	-	-
1954	21	-	1	17	-	11	2,920
1955	41	5	3	36	-	29	7,372
1956	36	-	1	33	2	22	5,102
1957	35	-	2	30	3	32	8,304
1958	41	-	1	40	-	29	6,597
1959	41	-	1	40	-	51	13,119
1960	70	-	4	66	-	43	11,519
1961	47	-	4	38	5	43	12,884
1962	50	4	-	39	7	27	8,614
1963	28	2	-	26	2	28	9,164
1964	32	3	1	28	-	29	9,610
Total	455	18	21	399	-	345	95,504

Average Grant per house completed - £277.

Average approved expenditure per house - £581.

The total cost to the Council of completed improvements to 345 houses, based on 25 per cent of the grants given, is £23,876 or £69 per house.

The applications for grants to individual dwellings approved by the Council since 1950 have been analysed to show the occupation of the dwellings, i.e. whether owner/occupied or tenanted, and the amount of work carried out as reflected by the cost and this information is shown in the table below:-

Approved Applications for Grants

Occupation	No.	Approved expenses per dwelling		
		Under £400	£400-£800	Over £800
Owner/Occupier	183	45	76	62
Tenant	216	61	103	52
Total	399	106	179	114

Standard Grants

The following table shows the numbers of properties improved since the commencement of this grant, together with details of the amenities provided, cost, etc.

Year	Applications			Work Completed							Max. Grant avail- able	Actual Grant Paid
	Rec'd (No. of dwell- ings)	App'd Ow/ Occ.	T	No. of dwell- ings	Amenities provided							
					Bath	Lav. Basin	Hot Water	W.C.	Food Store			
1959	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	£	£	
1960	13	8	2	7	4	5	6	6	2	835	743	
1961	13	9	1	8	5	5	8	5	4	990	797	
1962	18	9	8	9	8	8	8	9	6	1260	1141	
1963	15	11	4	10	9	9	8	10	5	1320	1209	
1964	29	22	6	11	9	9	10	11	8	1620	1620	
Total	91	61	22	45	35	36	40	41	25	6025	5510	

Slum Clearance

Details of properties dealt with are contained in Section D of the report of the Medical Officer of Health.

Progress during the year again showed a slight improvement due to the provision of one-bedroom bungalows used to relieve the under-occupation of larger Council houses which were in turn used in some cases to house slum clearance families. Other sub-standard properties were dealt with as and when they were known to become vacant.

Re-housing

A revision of the list of applicants for Council houses was carried out early in the year and the number on the register at that time was 196. This shows a slight decrease when compared with previous years.

During the year 31 lettings were made as compared with 37 in 1963. Of these lettings 21, or 68 per cent, were made to families recommended for re-housing on public health grounds for the following reasons:-

<u>Medical</u>	<u>Overcrowding</u>	<u>Defective Accommodation</u>	<u>Slum Clearance</u>
-	1	10	10

In addition one house was let to a homeless family recommended by the County Welfare Department.

Council House Maintenance and Repair

The Repairs Fund contribution from the Housing Revenue Account was increased from £12 to £14 per house per annum as from the 1st April.

The repair and maintenance of the Council's houses is carried out with a direct labour force of five men; external painting, electrical repairs and plumbing work being carried out by contract. No contribution is made from the General Rate Fund for Housing Repairs.

As from July 1st a scheme for hiring all electric cookers and washboilers was put into operation, the charges being as follows:-

	Existing(large) per month	Existing(small) per month	New(large) per month	New(small) per month
Electric cookers	4s. 0d.	2s. 6d.	7s. 6d.	4s. 6d.
Washboilers	1s. 0d.	-	2s. 6d.	-

During the year 4 bungalows at Prickley Lane, Martley, 7 houses at Stourport Road, Great Witley, 5 houses at Hope Lane, Clifton-on-Teme and 6 houses at Hillhampton were modernised and brought up to the standard required by the Ministry. The increase in rent to cover the cost of this work amounted to 16s. 0d. per month.

Work on the modernisation of 14 bungalows at Shelsley Beauchamp started towards the end of the year.

External decoration was carried out on the following sites during the year:-

1 - 16 Clay Green, Alfrick	- 16
1 - 6 Upper House, Alfrick	- 6
2 - 4 The Bungalows, Alfrick	- 3
1 - 4 Stocks Lane, Alfrick	- 4
1 - 4 Walton Lane, Grimley	- 4
1 - 6 Sinton Green Bungalows, Grimley	- 6
1 - 10 Sinton Green, Grimley	- 10
1 - 4 Council Houses, Lulsley	- 4
1 - 34 Jury Lane, Martley	- 34
1 - 8 Pitchard Close, Lower Sapey	- 8
1 - 16 Airey Houses, Suckley	- 16
1 - 4 Rectory Bungalows, Suckley	- 4
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3. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

(a) Existing Arrangements

The following are areas served by public sewers and treatment plants and are known as "village schemes":-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Area Served</u>
Abberley	- Part of The Common.
Astley	- Little Heath, Ridleys Cross, Sandhampton and Astley Town.
Broadheath	- Part of village and part of The Common.
Clifton-on-Teme	- The village.
Hallow	- The village.
Martley	- Jury Lane and part of the village.
Rushwick	- The village.
Shelsley Beauchamp	-
Great Witley	- Part of the village.

The following larger Council housing sites have sewers and treatment plants to which are connected some privately owned properties:-

Abberley	- Suffolk Lane.
Alfrick	- Clay Green.
Cotheridge	- Church Lane.
Holt	- The Heath.
Suckley	- Airey Houses.
Wichenford	- Queens Estate.

The following larger housing sites have sewers and treatment plants serving Council Houses only:-

Martley	- Prickley Lane.
Lower Sapey	- Pitchard Close.
Little Witley	- Well Lane.

(b) Future Arrangements

(1) Schemes for the following areas have progressed as follows:-

- (i) Hallow & Sinton Green Tenders received in June. Work commenced 5.10.64
- (ii) Bransford & Leigh - Visit by Ministry Inspector in February.
Sinton Request for consideration of alternative scheme in March. Alternative scheme rejected by Council in September and Ministry informed. Negotiations for site for works proceeding slowly.
- (iii) Shelsley Beauchamp - Tenders received in April, approved by Ministry and work started 15.5.64. Scheme in operation before the end of year.
- (iv) Broadheath Extension- Survey of existing house drainage completed. Future development agreed with Planning Authority. River Board consulted and acquisition of land for works extension under discussion.

- (v) Alfrick - Clay Green - Preliminary survey completed and joint scheme agreed in principle with owner of land to be developed. No further progress possible until land sold to a developer.
- (vi) Shrawley - Preliminary report prepared and accepted by Council. Instruction to prepare scheme in October and survey commenced in November.

(2) Schemes for the following areas are being considered but have not yet been approved in principle:-

- (vii) Martley - The Village and Hillside areas.
- (viii) Astley - The Burf and Dunley areas.

(3) It is considered that the following areas, in addition to those listed above in (1) and (2), require sewerage and sewage disposal schemes subsequent to the provision of mains water supply:-

- Abberley - The Common and Abberley Village.
- Broadwas - The village area.
- Grimley - The village area.
- Holt - The village area.
- Leigh - Brockamin area.
- Suckley - Longley Green area.
- Wichenford - Malvern View area.
- Great Witley - The Hill area.

Due to increased development proposed it will be necessary to decide priorities not only on existing needs but on the amount of development to be carried out in the foreseeable future.

(c) Work completed during the Year

The following schemes were completed during the year -

- Shelsley Beauchamp - Sewerage scheme for 25 houses comprising 790 yds. of 6-inch diameter glazed sewer with an extended aeration sewage treatment plant capable of dealing with 3330 gals. D.W.F. per day.
- Martley, Jury Lane - Extension of sewage treatment plant by provision of additional settlement tank to deal with the drainage from 10 new houses in course of erection.

(d) Maintenance of Sewers and Treatment Plants

Due to the increase in the number of treatment plants and pumping stations it was found necessary to increase the labour force responsible for maintenance and in April an additional man was engaged bringing the mobile attendants up to three.

The electrical maintenance work is carried out by contract with specialist firms who carry out regular inspections and repairs to all motors and switchgear.

Very few blockages of sewers occurred during the year and all the sewerage systems are working satisfactorily. With the exception of the Hallow Treatment Works, which is at present being enlarged, no serious overloading of works has

taken place but, with the increased development envisaged, it will be necessary to enlarge some of the works in the near future.

(e) House Drainage

The following new drainage installations were approved and installed during the year:-

	<u>New Houses</u>	<u>Existing Houses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Septic Tanks	43	37	80
Connections to public sewer	91	4	95
Connections to private treatment plants	19	-	19
	<u>153</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>194</u>

The Council do not own a mechanical cesspool emptier but, by arrangement with Droitwich R.D.C. and Stourport U.D.C., hire vehicles when required for use on private premises and for small Council owned plants. During the year 136 septic tanks to private houses and 113 settlement tanks to Council plant were emptied. In the former cases the cost was recharged to the owners of the premises.

Due to the number of septic tanks now in use for private houses (over 1200) and the need to deal with small Council plants at regular intervals, this arrangement is beginning to fail in its object of giving a quick service - a necessity as householders rarely ask for the service until the drains fail to function. Consideration will have to be given in the near future to acquiring an emptier for use exclusively in the Martley area and also to the provision at selected sewage works for the reception of the sludge collected.

A table showing the number of houses connected to the public sewers, etc. in each parish is contained in the report of the Medical Officer of Health.

4. WATER SUPPLY

(a) Private Supplies

During the year very few cases of shortage of drinking water were reported.

Samples of water from private wells and springs were taken on request and of the 2 samples examined, both were unsatisfactory bacteriologically.

(b) Public Supplies

The statutory undertakers for the whole District are the North-West Worcestershire Water Board.

During the year the Council guaranteed to the Water Board deficiencies arising from mains extensions at Jury Lane, Martley and Highfields, Martley.

Details of the number of houses supplied from public mains are contained in the report of the Medical Officer of Health and these are analysed in the following table:-

Mains Water Supply - Provision to Premises - 31.12.64

Parish	Houses in Parish					
	Total 31.12.64	Adjacent to mains	Connected to mains 31.12.63	Connected to mains 31.12.64	Total as % of	Total as % of
	A	B			A	B
Abberley	184	160	118	122	66	76
Alfrick	149	140	74	81	54	58
Astley	360	276	211	215	60	78
Bransford	97	89	68	76	78	85
Broadheath	355	346	257	296	83	86
Broadwas	98	80	74	78	80	98
Clifton-on-Teme	133	118	107	108	81	92
Cotheridge	78	74	61	64	82	86
Doddenham	72	50	37	38	53	76
Grimley	190	164	117	121	64	74
Hallow	400	389	324	352	88	90
Hillhampton	35	33	23	24	69	73
Holt	150	134	91	93	62	69
Kenswick	12	10	9	10	82	100
Knightwick	40	36	20	20	50	56
Leigh	327	306	171	188	58	61
Lulsley	40	38	34	36	90	95
Martley	316	272	216	235	74	86
Rushwick	326	317	297	298	91	94
Sapey Pitchard	51	36	13	21	41	58
Shelsley Beauchamp	60	51	33	38	63	75
Shelsley Kings	66	54	49	51	77	94
Shelsley Walsh	13	8	2	2	16	25
Shrawley	149	140	95	99	66	71
Suckley	173	152	98	106	61	70
Wichenford	133	124	115	117	88	94
Witley, Gt.	142	105	91	94	66	90
Witley, Lt.	62	52	47	50	81	96
	4211	3754	2852	3033	72	81

Percentage of total premises in Parishes which are adjacent to mains - 89

Percentage of total premises in District which are connected to mains - 72

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) Refuse Collection

The scheme of fortnightly collection from all premises reasonably accessible to a collection vehicle continued successfully and is being maintained with a labour force of 7 men and 3 vehicles, two being 10 cu.yd. side loading tipping types and one 16 cu.yd. fore and after tipper with power press.

Towards the end of the year the Council were requested to consider the adoption of the paper-sack system and approved a pilot scheme for 100 houses in the first instance. The pilot scheme should be started in April of next year and it is proposed to supply concrete free-standing holder units and $3\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ cu.ft. sacks in an area to be selected.

(b) Refuse Disposal

Three refuse tips are in use, one of which is small and for local use only. An application for planning permission to use a disused quarry at Martley as a refuse tip has been made and it is hoped to bring this into use early in 1965.

A tip to serve the south of the district is still required urgently but difficulty is being experienced in persuading owners of suitable land to permit use for this purpose.

Owing to the weather during the summer some difficulty was experienced in controlling flies and by the firing of one tip. This was mainly due to the problem of obtaining adequate covering material during the mid-summer but adequate cover was obtained later and this, together with the usual spraying programme, solved the difficulties before they became out of control.

6. SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice-cream

Number of premises registered for manufacture and sale ...	Nil
Number of premises registered for sale only... ..	72

Pre-packed ice-cream only is sold from all premises and this is contained in refrigerators; facilities for hand-washing, etc. are provided at all premises.

Food Premises

The following food premises are in use in the district:-

(a) Unregistered

Food Shops

Butchers Shops...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Other Food Shops.	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Inns, Hotels and Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	40

(b) Registered

Slaughterhouses	Nil
Bakehouses... ..	2
Ice-cream manufacturers.. ..	Nil
Ice-cream retailers	72

Inspection of Registered Premises

The following visits and inspections of registered and other premises have been carried out during the year:-

Slaughterhouses	Nil
Ice-cream manufactureres.	Nil
Ice-cream retailers	45
Butchers Shops	9
Food Shops... ..	130
Cafes..	4
Bakehouses... ..	4
Inns, Hotels and Public Houses.	52

Generally speaking, all premises are kept clean and provided with adequate sanitary accommodation and handwashing facilities for the employees.

Slaughterhouses

There are no slaughterhouses operated in the district; the local butchers have their animals slaughtered in Worcester.

Milk Production

All work in connection with Milk and Dairies Regulations is administered by the Worcestershire County Council.

Food and Drugs Adulteration

The responsibility for this work rests with the Worcestershire County Council.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Mortuary, Red House, Martley

The accommodation provided is little used, only 4 bodies being taken there during the year, of which 2 were from the Martley Rural District.

(b) Caravan Sites

Site licences for new applications were issued for one holiday site of 50 caravans and for 12 residential caravans all of which were on individual sites.

The number of sites and caravans now licensed is as follows:-

	<u>No. of Sites</u>	<u>No. of Caravans</u>
Residential caravans	54	68
Holiday caravans	17	210
	<u>71</u>	<u>278</u>

(c) Hop Pickers' Accommodation

Inspections of temporary accommodation used to house hop pickers during the short picking season were carried out. Once again the numbers accommodated in barracks fell partly due to the increased numbers arriving in caravans and partly due to further mechanisation.

The general condition of the barracks was satisfactory from both hygiene and fire prevention aspects.

(d) Petroleum Acts

The total number of storage licences issued during the year was 72 and the gallonage involved was 103,300.

One new installation was licensed.

Routine inspection of all installations continued throughout the year. It was found that the great majority of licensees are acutely aware of the dangers involved in petroleum storage and dispensing and observe the safety requirements.

The Council continued its membership of the West Midlands Petroleum Acts Administration Group. Much useful technical information and advice has been obtained from contact with members of the Group who are specialists in this field.

(e) Rodent Control

The Council has continued to carry out rodent control on farms by means of the Farm Contract Scheme; this is, of course, in addition to the free service provided for householders. There is still a relatively poor response to the service from the farming community, only 101 contracts covering 122 properties being made despite the fact that there are more than 400 farms in the district.

The reason for this seems to be almost entirely financial. The availability of proprietary brands of warfarin makes it a simple matter for the farmer to carry out some form of control himself.

The number of treatments carried out during the year was as follows:-

	<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>Treatments</u>	<u>Visits</u>
(i)	Private Dwellings	258	518
(ii)	Business Premises	41	96
(iii)	Local Authority Premises	58	124
(iv)	Agricultural Premises	443	1279

In addition to these visits the operator has been called upon to deal with insect infestations at private premises and on refuse tips.

(f) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The following applications for registration have been received:-

Offices	11	-	32 employees
Retail Shops	10	-	20 employees
Catering Establishments	12	-	83 employees

This is thought to represent about one-third of the premises which should be registered and, during the inspections of the registered premises, the owners of unregistered premises will be contacted and advised to make application for registration.

